

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, 4, 5, 7-9, and 12-14, amend claims 2, 3, 6, 10, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 16-20. After the entry of the instant amendment, the pending claims will be:

Claim 1 (cancelled).

2. (currently amended) The portable apparatus according to claim 16 -4, further including ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ a telephonic receiver enabling programming remotely by means of a telephone with an access code.

3. (currently amended) The portable apparatus according to claim 16 -4, further including ~~characterized in that it has~~ an SOS key activating playing of basic information about its owner and the persons to inform in case of accident.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) A method for operating with a portable apparatus including a housing including a first face, and a second face opposite the first face, the second face facing away from the first face;

a button on the first face;

a speaker on the first face;

a set of buttons on the second face;

a screen on the second face, the screen indicating the date and time;

a microphone;

a clock that tracks the date and time,

~~having a button, and a speaker,~~ the method comprising:

storing a voice message in the apparatus , responsive to the microphone;

storing a date and time in the apparatus , responsive to activation of the set of buttons on the second face, and associating the date and time with the voice message;  
running a clock in the apparatus;  
responsive to the clock, emitting an audio signal at the date and time stored in the storing step; and  
subsequently, responsive to activation of the button on the first face, sending the voice message to the speaker on the first face.

Claims 7-9 (cancelled).

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes a telephonic receiver, and the step of storing a date and time includes using the telephonic receiver.

11. (previously presented) A portable apparatus comprising:

a housing including a first face, and a second face opposite the first face, the second face facing away from the first face;

a button on the first face;

a speaker on the first face;

a set of buttons on the second face;

a screen on the second face, the screen indicating the date and time;

a microphone;

a clock that tracks the date and time,

a button;

a speaker;

means for storing a voice message in the apparatus , responsive to the microphone;

means for storing a date and time in the apparatus , responsive to activation of the set of buttons on the second face , and associating the date and time with the voice message;

a clock in the apparatus;  
means, responsive to the clock, for emitting an audio signal at the date and time stored by the storing means; and  
means, operating after the emitting means, ~~responsive to the button,~~ for sending the voice message to the speaker on the first face, responsive to activation of the button on the first face.

Claims 12-14 (cancelled).

15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a telephonic receiver, wherein the means for storing a date and time uses the telephonic receiver.

16. (new) A portable apparatus comprising:

a housing including a first face, and a second face opposite the first face, the second face facing away from the first face;

a button on the first face;

a speaker on the first face;

a set of buttons on the second face;

a screen on the second face, the screen indicating the date and time;

a microphone; and

a clock that tracks the date and time,

wherein the apparatus is configured to

store a voice message and a date and time, and associate the date and time with the voice message, responsive to the microphone and activation of the set of buttons on the second face;

emit an audio signal at the stored date and time, responsive to the clock; and  
subsequently send the voice message to the speaker on the first face,  
responsive to activation of the button on the first face.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the microphone is on the second face.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 further including a cover for the set of buttons on the second face, wherein the apparatus does not include a cover for the button on the first face.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the microphone is on the second face.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 11 further including a cover for the set of buttons on the second face, wherein the apparatus does not include a cover for the button on the first face.